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## Colour run fun

It was a colourful day for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Friday, June 7 during their annual Coluor Run following a week of Pride festivities. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

# Report shows unsightly properties are a blight on HE

JAMES MATTHEWS
*Staff Reporter*

Many landlords in Highlands East need to devote more attention to the upkeep of their properties.

That's what can be gleaned from the long list of Clean and Clear directives issued by the township's bylaw enforcement staff.

Wayne Galloway, the municipality's bylaw enforcement officer, told council when it met June 4 that there are too many landlords who simply don't maintain their properties.

"The only comment I have is the Clean and Clears are taking on a life of their own," Galloway said. "And it seems like probably 80 per cent of our time is spent on Clean and Clear (citations). I don't know what we can do about it, but they're getting quite extensive."

"How do we fix it?" said Mayor Dave Burton.

"Most of it is, maybe I shouldn't say it, but most of our rental properties are the issue and landlords aren't looking after their properties," Galloway said.

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said many of the Clean and Clear complaints received by enforcement staff are based on aesthetics.

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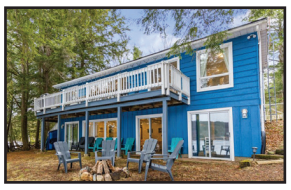

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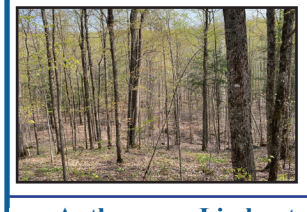

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# Minden Pride seeks volunteers for festivities

THOMAS SMITH
*Staff Reporter*

Allan Guinan, chair of the Minden Pride committee has been involved with Minden Pride for five years.

"I volunteered in 2018, off and on, they asked for volunteers with events so I decided to help out. From there, I joined the committee. The rest is history."

"This is our ninth year. It has been around since 2016. It started because there was a gay-owned business that had graffiti on their store front," says Guinan. "The community up here felt the need to do something, that is how it was established. Apart from the COVID-19 pandemic, it has grown year after year."

Minden Pride is currently looking for volunteers.

"We are always looking for new people to help participate with this. We have the Pride festival from the 19th to the 25th of August this year with a whole bunch of events. But also, we are participating in about 20 community events leading up to that including the County Fair, Canada Day and other events leading up to that. We need people to hand out information and to help sell some pride themed merchandise we have for sale," said Guinan. "We need people to help decorate and put out information, that sort of thing."

"Through Minden Pride, we have met quite a large and interesting community of people. We love living in the Haliburton Highlands, outside the craziness of the city. It's a very nice place to be," said Guinan.

"This year, the theme of Minden Pride is 'Everyone is Welcome'. "We really want to encourage people. We feel like some people think this event is only for those in the 2SLGBTQ+ community. We are really trying to push that there are events for everyone. There are some really fun events. We really want people to come out and participate. We have some key events for people to come out and have fun."

On Monday, August 19 events include the 2024 Opening Ceremony and Flag Raising at 11 a.m. at 7 Milne Street in Minden.

On Tuesday August 20, there will be a drag storytime in Minden at the Minden branch of the Haliburton County Public Library with Auntie Plum. Currently. Minden Pride is searching for emerging queer artists who would be interested in having their work included in the Voice of Pride Art Exhibition at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

On Wednesday, August 21, Sir Sam's Ski & Bike are hosting a queer comedy night, featuring queer comedians.

On Thursday August 22, there will be a drag storytime event at the Haliburton branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. There will also be a queer trivia night at the Dominion Hotel in Minden

On Friday August 23, Russel Red Records will be putting on the burlesque ball at the Pinestone. This event will include a DJ for dancing and performers that will include burlesque dancers and drag queens. "It will be quite the event."

On Saturday August 24, there will be a Mad Hatter Tea Party at Hook, Line and Sinker from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. which will include grub, suds, and a DJ hosting the party.

On Sunday August 25th, the Rainbow Street Festival will be taking place. This event will include artists, vendors, and games for kids and the entire family. The world's only floating pride parade will be taking place at 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.. This unique event will have participants floating down the river on rafts, floats, kayaks, canoes, and anything else you can dream of. Participants will depart from Rotary Park and float to the docks near downtown Minden. Afterwards, there will be a social event where awards will be presented for things such as best float.

"I think the River Parade and Street Festival is a lot of fun. It is very accessible to families. We see kids, we see youth, we see adults having fun. It is just a great day. We have been very fortunate in that we have had great weather. It is a lovely, late summer afternoon."

This month, Minden Pride will be participating in the Teeny Tiny Summit, the Pride Colour Run with HHSS, the Haliburton County Fair, a queer film night at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, Canada Day, and Midnight Madness.

"I think one of the reasons they asked Minden Pride to be at the Teeny Tiny Summit is because we have created the largest festival in the county. A week long event, it is pretty substantial. They want us to be there to help show the inclusivity and positive nature that is a part of this area," said Guinan.

"It's gone from being a week of events to an entire summer thing," said Guinan with a laugh.

"It's giving back to your community. It's about supporting inclusivity. The events are typically a lot of fun so people like to come out and participate in that. A lot of the queer community is quite talented, perhaps out of the ordinary sometimes. Everyone is welcome. Celebrating loving relationships and celebrating being social, if people want to support that, we will happily have them."

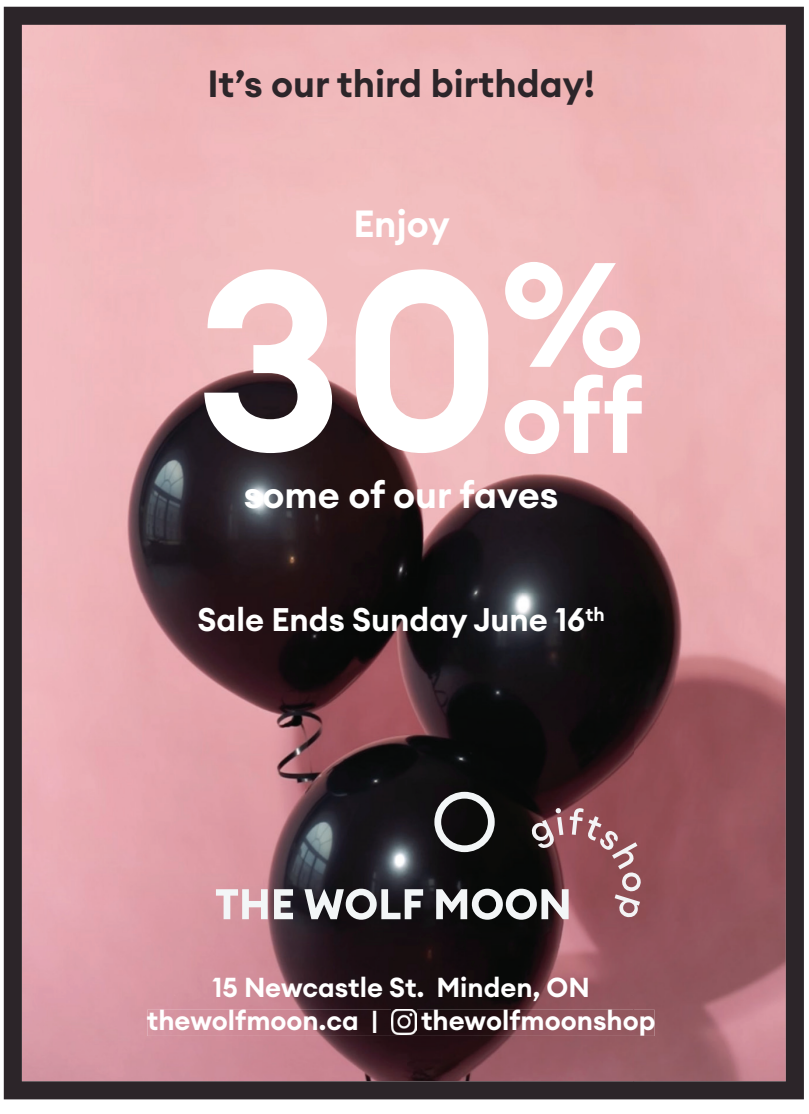
"It's pretty laid back and straightforward. It's not like you have to dedicate hours, and hours, and hours. If you can help out, you can help out in one event, or maybe one or two events," said Guinan. "We recognize that those in smaller communities are not necessarily comfortable or participating in these types of events, or to be seen as part of the community. What we want people to see is representation. Having gone through that, the worst of times as an adolescent or teenager, or young adult struggling with gender or sexuality identity, we are really trying to ensure that they see positive influences and positive messaging. Our job is to not judge anyone but to create a welcoming environment for everyone," said Guinan.

## Masons help feed local kids

On Tuesday, June 4th the Masons of North Entrance Lodge No. 463, of Haliburton, contributed $1,000.00 to the Food for Kids Program for the J. D. Hodgson Elementary School, Steward Baker Elementary School, Wilberforce Elementary School and Cardiff Elementary School. Representatives of each school were present to receive their donations to feed kids nutritious meals during school days. Making the presentation on behalf of the Masons of North Entrance Lodge No. 463 were Gary Maughan and Carman Coumbs. The Masons donate to aid some local community initiatives. /Submitted

## True colours

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students ended off their pride week with a colour run on the Gary Brohman Athletic Field on Friday, June 7. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*



# HE strategic plan is a road map, says consultant

JAMES MATTHEWS

*Staff Reporter*

Fleeing urban centres during the pandemic was one of the factors that drove recent growth in Highlands East's permanent population.

That's one of the findings in the municipality's draft corporate strategic plan as presented to township council June 4 by Ottawa-based Capital Park Consulting.

Tim Hore, the consulting firm's president, and Steve Lichty, the firm's Human Resources expert, explained some of the factors that will be addressed in the municipality's direction for the future.

Corporate strategic plans focus on internal organizational goals. Community strategic plans address the broader needs of a municipality's residents and business community.

There are three questions on which the municipality's corporate strategic plan is focused. They are where are we today? Where do we want to be? And how will we get there?

The first strategic priority for Highlands East is to grow a thriving community in which residents are engaged and connected with essential services and recreational opportunities.

Achieving service and operational excellence is the second priority outlined in the plan. That pertains to the efficient and effective delivery of essential services.

Rounding out the strategic priorities is the importance of sound environmental stewardship. And that's a cornerstone of Highlands East, Hore said.

The thing about formulating a strategic corporate plan is the process is relatively simple, but he nuts and bolts of it is difficult, Hore said.

"If it was just writing down everything that people would like to see happen, you'd end up with a very lengthy list but it wouldn't be very workable," Hore said. "It would be too much work for staff, too much for council to focus on, and you wouldn't get much done."

Adopting a focus on subjects with consensus, goals on which everybody agrees, would be a stumbling step. He said difficult issues need resolution as part of the planning process.

"You won't necessarily have a majority support, but the leaders in the community decide what is going to be best and you have to follow through on it," Hore said.

Consultants considered the strategic plans of other municipalities and interviewed Highlands East senior staff and managers to draft the strategic plan.

In Highlands East, the older generations dominate the population.

"And that is not unusual," Hore said.

He said it has become commonplace for cottage country to have more senior population than younger people. And one of the reasons for that, he said, was the COVID-19 pandemic.

"People that had a seasonal dwelling in cottage country often made it their permanent dwelling," he said.

Census data indicates that there was a steady increase in population from 2016 to 2020. But then there was a boom in 2021, due largely because of the pandemic.

"It appears that growth is continuing," he said. "So it's something that you should be planning for as a municipality."

According to Mayor Dave Burton's message in the plan's draft, the corporate strategic plan is the result of extensive collaboration, thoughtful consideration, and a deep commitment to the well-being and prosperity of the community.

It came about through consultation with residents by way of online surveys, focus groups, and public meetings.

"Your input and feedback have been invaluable in shaping this plan and ensuring that it reflects the aspirations and priorities of our community," Burton wrote.

Hore said feedback from residents suggested there is high satisfaction for the municipality's programs and quality of life. Responses indicated satisfaction for services, but it wasn't as highly touted. And that's something that will be addressed in the strategic plan, Hore said.

The greatest strengths of Highlands East as indicated by residents polled were the township's natural setting and its lakes and rivers.

"Far ahead of everything else," he said.

As the environment is cottage country's economy, that speaks to the necessity of protecting it to improve quality of life.

The corporate strategic plan is touted to be a guide to 2028 and beyond. And Hore said that's because everything isn't going to be accomplished in four years and the township's mission and vision will likely continue past 2028.

It outlines a future focus on key priorities that will inform council decisions and actions over the coming years. It reflects a dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all residents, fostering economic growth and sustainability, and preserving the unique natural environment.

"One of the challenges for every municipality is how to facilitate future development," Hore said. "And it's particularly challenging in a municipality that depends so much on your lakes and your rivers and your natural environment."

Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said the second part of the process would be what he dubbed the operation plan to engage the private sector.

"It's excited me and now I want to know what's next steps," Ryall said. "What can I see in 2024? I know I can see stuff in 2028, but what am I going to see in 2024?"

"This is a very high level document," Hore said. "And it will be supported by (what) you refer to as an operational plan, and that's probably a good way to describe it."

Essentially, things like budgeting and reporting about initiatives to council will be in line with action items in the strategic plan and showing how those goals and actions are being fulfilled.

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# Two–year wait to bring property owners to court

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An aside: Such things are referred to as eyesores for a reason. They can be difficult to look at like the sour face of a mother-in-law with a fury.

"Are there any that really put us in a position of public safety?" Ryall said. "In cases where it's either really scuzzy stuff that could make people sick, things that are hanging that could hurt people, other things like that because, in my mind, when you get to those they got to have a priority somehow and we have to do something with them."

There have been challenges with people who won't maintain their property's vegetation and those who have detritus littering the front yard.

"But I think when we get into public safety and areas where people other than the people (who live) there can get hurt, how do we fix that part?" Ryall said. "That's what I'm most interested in."

"I wouldn't classify any of them as public hazards," Galloway said. "Yes, there's a hazard to the occupants of the property, but as far as public hazards I would say not. And I'm not sure how you fix it."

"At the end of the day, surely there's got to be something somewhere that basically says if you're going to leave something in an unsafe condition, that's unacceptable," Ryall said.

I've talked to the solicitors and litigation is basically a no-deal thing," Galloway said. "The bylaw allows the township to go in a clean it up."

Galloway said the legal advice he's received is that a court will order the property be cleaned up. But, if the owners don't clean it up, then township staff will ultimately have to do the chore.

"Apparently, the provincial offences court is about two years waiting time right now," Galloway said.

# Kosy Korner owners sell after 13 lucky years

VIVIAN COLLINGS
*Editor*

Kosy Korner owners of 13 years, Alan and Ann Gordon, have recently sold the business. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Ann and Alan Gordon have recently sold the iconic Kosy Korner restaurant on Highland Street.

As owners of the beloved landmark for 13 years, they assured the community it will continue to be a central hub in Haliburton Village.

The new owner already owns and operates three restaurants in Bancroft, so he's taking over with plenty of experience, Ann and Alan said.

All waitresses and kitchen staff have been offered continued employment at the restaurant.

"It's all about the people for us. We've loved getting to know customers and employees, and lots have been here since we took ownership. The saying is, if you don't hear it at Kosy, it hasn't happened in Haliburton. That's what I'll miss the most, the people," Ann said. "Thirteen is Alan's lucky number, so it's a good time to retire."

Next year, Kosy Korner will turn 90.

"It started off in a logging camp way back when," Alan said.

When the Gordons bought it, they decided to rip up the old flooring and replace it.

"We had everyone come in and sign the subfloors and to tell their experiences at Kosy. There were babies' first visits, engagements, and all these different comments about why Kosy is so significant," Ann said.

Over the years, the Gordons have met countless people that said they used to work at Kosy in their teens.

"It's definitely helped to develop a lot of young people in the community, and continues to do so," Ann said.

Alan and Ann first moved to the Highlands in 2000. Their children went to school in the county while they commuted to their software company in the city.

After selling that company, they looked for local opportunities.

"We were looking for places to invest in that would make money and contribute to the community. We had already bought the Haliburton Marina, we were looking at other marinas, and also thought, 'How about the Kosy?' We came in here all the time, read the book, and decided to take the leap and buy it," Ann said.

The pair is slowly working towards retirement and looks forward to making more travel plans.

"I'm ready to slow down, and Alan's still operating the three marinas that we own," Ann said.

"This is my third time retiring," Alan added, chuckling. "It's been an amazing experience. It's part of Haliburton history. All we can hope for is that it stays alive and well after being such an important part of the community for close to a century."

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# Big ideas, teeny tiny town

It's no secret - Haliburton County is teeny tiny.

It's not in terms of land area, but population and infrastructure.

Like a lot of small communities, we survive on tourism.

Our selling features are lakes, hills, rocks, and forests.

We're lucky enough to have these built in.

There tends to be a focus on the people and places that directly cater to this kind of tourism.

Of course, it makes sense. And we need them.

But what about others that may not fit the mold?

"Every town, every person has assets, no exceptions," said Peter Kenyon, the keynote speaker for Haliburton Highlands' Teeny Tiny summit last Thursday. "The key is recognizing whose gifts are underlooked in a community."

The summit's theme was "Creating Community Wealth and Well-Being," and the County's tourism manager Angelica Ingram said the best way to build thriving communities is for everyone to come together to share their ideas, strengths, and talents.

"We need to start looking at what we've got instead of focusing on what we don't have," Kenyon said. "If all you're doing is servicing a community, you're not strengthening it."

Haliburton County does have a lot of wonderful change-makers and organizations.

What I've noticed, though, is that at a lot of community events and meetings, it's almost always the same people attending.

How many people do you know that sit on more than one committee?

It's wonderful to have people that are so involved and committed, but what we really need is to create spaces for everyone in the community to feel like they can be helpful and heard.

We can't hear new ideas if we aren't bringing all minds to the table.

"You need to start putting in place at the community level how to come together and make all of this work. Having only a few people on a committee is not community engagement. We need to engage the broader public," Kenyon said.

He gave an example of one soup kitchen in a small town in the United States.

He said it was unlike any community kitchen he'd ever seen.

The organizers had noticed that while they were providing meals everyday, the people eating them weren't able to make other changes to their lives.

"The one organizer said, 'We don't know them. That's why their lives aren't changing,'" Kenyon said.

So, what they did was bring in groups of students to have meals with everyone at the soup kitchen. They were encouraged to ask questions like, "What's your biggest dream?"

After two weeks, they gathered so many amazing pieces of information about the people using the kitchen.

Some were musicians, some loved to cook.

Eventually, nearly all had a job in the hospitality industry.

"It wasn't meant to be an employment centre, but that's what happens when you get to know someone and their strengths," Kenyon said.

All the food is now made by those eating it rather than a professional chef, and there's an in-house jazz band that performs everyday.

How many wonderful people and initiatives are we missing out on in this community?

Kenyon finished the presentation with this, "Dream big, start small, but act now."

It's a good time to start breaking down invisible walls between groups of people and really get to know each other, on a human level.

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## Green meadow

*Tales from the great*

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# Namaste

ONE OF the many things I fell in love with when I first started studying yoga was the way the practice had rituals to honour the goodness and light that sits at the centre of each of us.

I remember the first retreat I went on. The instructors started and ended every class offering "Namaste" to all of us in the class.

It meant "the light in me sees the light in you," or "I see your light."

I thought it was a lovely gesture but never really used it in my classes because I felt it wasn't appropriate to use this tradition that came from India. It wasn't in my language, and it didn't feel right.

But I always privately enjoyed the intention behind the blessing. And I always secretly wished we had a word or a ritual of honouring each other in the same way.

I think everyone would feel uplifted being greeted in such a lovely way. Another practice that was introduced to me in the early years was the practice of "loving kindness."

The idea is that the yogi offers loving kindness towards themselves "may I be filled with loving kindness, may I be well, may I be peaceful and at ease, may I be happy."

There are different versions of this lovely wish. Eventually the yogi silently offers the blessing to their family, friends, communities, people they have a hard time with, and ultimately to all of life.

Both of these rituals invite us to assume the goodness in others. That all belong, matter, and are connected.

That we wish the best for all. Really that we are all one breathing the same air. I was listening to a podcast by Tara Brach last week and she was reflecting on how she uses "Namaste" as part of her daily practice as she lives her life.

She explained that she uses "Namaste" and offers it as a silent blessing to everyone she meets as she moves through her day. In the grocery line.

At the dump. At the cafe. At work and at play. I've always done a silent blessing with the loving kindness blessing. I silently offer it as I navigate the ups and downs of my life.

As I listened to Tara she talked about how using "Namaste" in this silent way, helps us counteract our deeply conditioned habit of judging others.

We all judge. And judging separates us. It can make us feel disconnected, and think that we are better than or worse than others. And that is a hard way to live.

Tara suggests that when we intentionally, regularly make it a habit to see the light in others, it can contribute to a sense of belonging, of love. of being connected.

And we are happier when we are wishing others well. It is so easy to judge and it can be so mean spirited. We all do it.

The good news is that we can all strengthen our kindness muscles by quietly blessing all of life as we go through our days. Namaste.

# points of view

## Just saying

steve galea

**Loon Tales**

Not all that long ago, Jenn said something that really caught my attention.

She was sitting at the breakfast table when she casually uttered, "Toasting makes the bread taste better."

I looked at her quite surprised.

"I had no idea that you were a connoisseur of deeply profound, folksy phrases," I said.

Then, she looked at me, held up her toast and said, "It was not meant as a deeply profound folksy phrase. I was merely stating a fact."

It was, of course, an easy mistake to make on my part.

I mean, it sure sounded like a deeply profound, folksy phrase. It had all the components: an inanimate object, a verb, a result, and plenty of room for misinterpretation.

In fact, it was so folksy that I can see myself using it in the future whenever somebody says something like, "Do you think I should paint my boat?"

Then, I'd look at them pensively, turn slightly away, and quietly mutter, "You know, toasting makes the bread taste better."

After that, without saying another word, I'd simply walk away.

If you do that more than a few times, you'll soon develop a reputation of being one of those wise old sages that no one pays attention to, until it is way too late in the movie.

This is precisely the reason I spent the rest of that day looking for enough inspiration to invent a few profound, folksy phrases of my own. For instance, after Jenn left an almost finished carton of strawberries on the counter, I came up with, "A strawberry on the counter attracts ants…" followed quickly by "If you're going to form a conga line, it's best to put the flatulent fellow in the back."

That's right. I came up with those two, right off the top of my head.

You'd think those two alone would have made Jenn realize I was one of those old fellows who simply spews wisdom. Unfortunately, Jenn was not raised around people like that, so she just thought I spewed.

Fortunately, this did not stop me from expanding my repertoire further. For instance, after much soul searching, I came up with, "One good visit from the cat can soil a litter box."

Moreover, by the time the day was done, I was able to speak to Jenn by solely using profound folksy sayings. I actually think all that wisdom was really having an effect on her too, because every time I brought out a new saying, she just took a deep breath, remained silent, and presumably pondered why she was so lucky

Once, she even looked up to the sky and said, "What did I ever do to deserve this?

By bed time, however, I was tired and could not think of even a single profound folksy saying to end the day with. So, I picked up a book and quietly read to myself for about 15 minutes.

When I looked over, Jenn was staring at me and smiling from ear to ear. Then she said, "Well, I guess eventually even a yappy mutt gets tired of its own voice, eh?"

I love her but, you know, sometimes she would just say what she means.

## pic *of the* past

The steam boat "Rustler" with a log boom on Boshkung Lake (then called Boskung). Pine logs entered Boshkung in log drives from Kushog Lake via Buck Slides and Halls Lake via Buttermilk Falls, and continued through Twelve Mile Lake to the Trent waterway with the final destination being saw mills in Trenton, Ontario. Log drives were dangerous and two men killed in drives are buried in unmarked graves under the fence at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. The last log drive through Boshkung and Twelve Mile Lakes took place in 1929. /FILE

# Dysart recognized for recycling promotion

The Municipality of Dysart et al has struck gold!

At the Promotion and Education Awards on May 29, 2024, the Municipal Waste Association presented an award to Dysart.

Dysart received a Gold Campaign Award (Small Municipality), for its 2023 public awareness campaign, "Recycling Is Easy!" that encouraged the proper recycling of food and beverage cartons.

The Municipal Waste Association is an incorporated not-for-profit organization formed in 1987 by Ontario municipal waste management professionals to facilitate the sharing of municipal waste reduction and recycling information and experience.

Its annual Promotion and Education Awards recognize outstanding achievements by Ontario municipalities for the use of effective waste minimization and diversion communication efforts.

The Campaign Award recognizes a waste management campaign that uses several different communication tools to inform, educate and motivate residents.

The judges remarked "Targeting a very specific material type—food and beverage cartons—this campaign provided residents with a reusable recycling bag (they don't have Blue Boxes), and used print and radio ads, along with social media and a digital waste sorting game, to encourage residents to sort correctly."

The other award winners in the Campaign (Small Municipality) category were the City of Peterborough (Bronze Award), and Dufferin County (Silver). In the Campaign (Large Municipality) category, the winners were Peel Region (Bronze), Halton Region (Silver), and City of Hamilton (Gold).

Dysart's environmental manager John Watson accepts P&E award. /Submitted

In Dysart, empty food and beverage cartons go in Recycling for Containers. Acceptable types of cartons include shelf-stable cartons for juice, milk, soy and grain milk, and soup and broth, and refrigerated cartons for milk, juice, cream, egg substitutes, soy and grain milk. Caps can stay on. Straws go in the garbage.

*Submitted*

# Wilberforce's Loop Troupe wins McDougall Community Contest top prize

MICHAEL RILEY

*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

Wilberforce's Loop Troupe Little Theatre recently won the top prize of $5,000 in the McDougall Community Contest. The group plans to fix the acoustics and sound system in the town's community centre with their winnings. / Submitted by Mary Barker

Wilberforce's Loop Troupe Little Theatre was successful in their bid on Tudor and Cashel Township's entry into the McDougall Community Contest.

They were awarded the top prize of $5,000 to go towards new acoustics and a sound system for the town's community centre where they put on their performances. Mary Barker, a member of the Loop Troupe comments on their win.

The Wilberforce Loop Troupe Little Theatre first convened back in 1993 and was a theatrical mainstay in the municipality until COVID-19 struck four years ago, and several members of the troupe passed away, retired or moved away. They made a comeback last month on Mothers' Day weekend, spurred on by Barker and other helpers.

Barker says they were absolutely floored by their fantastic win in the McDougall Community Contest and that with so many entries and really good videos, they didn't think they stood a chance at winning, especially since they're such a small community and the win was based on number of votes.

"But we gave it our all and campaigned hard for votes. Maybe we shouldn't have accosted people in line at the grocery store, but it all paid off. Actually, our local residents, cottage population and the surrounding towns have always pulled together to help each other. So, it was because of their votes and the votes of all of our friends and family far and wide that we won," she says.

Barker says they haven't heard directly from McDougall Insurance yet so they have no idea how soon they'll have the prize money. She said they have some ideas on how to fix the acoustics in the community centre so they'll examine those ideas and engage the help of locals who have knowledge of sound equipment and have dealt with the bad acoustics in the building.

"Over the years, there have been several attempts by professional sound consultants to fix the acoustics which didn't work. We are going to learn from those mistakes and approach the problem with a 'sound' mind. Of course, all this will have to be okayed by the Municipality of Highlands East before any work is done," she says.

As for the Loop Troupe's plans, Barker told The Haliburton Echo they have a lot of things they'd like to do; a murder mystery dinner theatre, more plays, host a dance, and an amateur talent night to name a few ideas they've considered. She says a lot of other groups use the hall, like the Penny Raffle in July, the Agricultural Fair in August.

"Imagine a summer wedding where the best man's speech can actually be heard and attending a lake association annual general meeting where no one falls asleep because they can't hear what's being said. Everyone will benefit from improving the acoustics so the sooner we fix the sound problem the better. We don't know how soon we can get started or how much money we'll need to fix the acoustics and perhaps more fundraisers will be needed," she says. "But we do know that the Loop Troupe Little Theatre is going to make some 'sound decisions.'"

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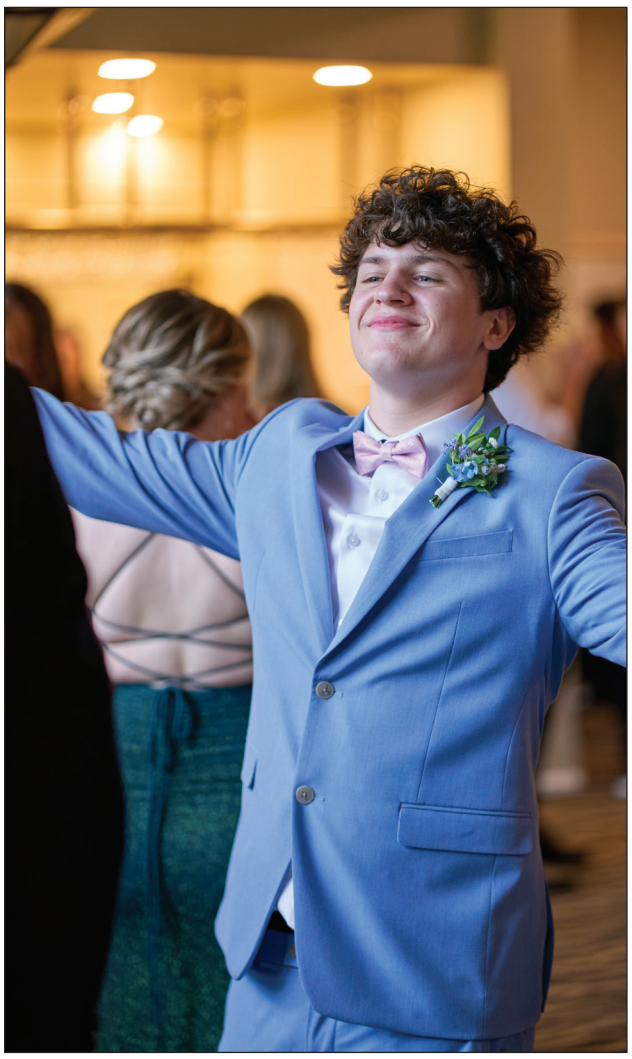

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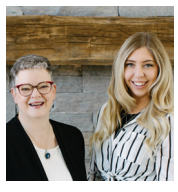

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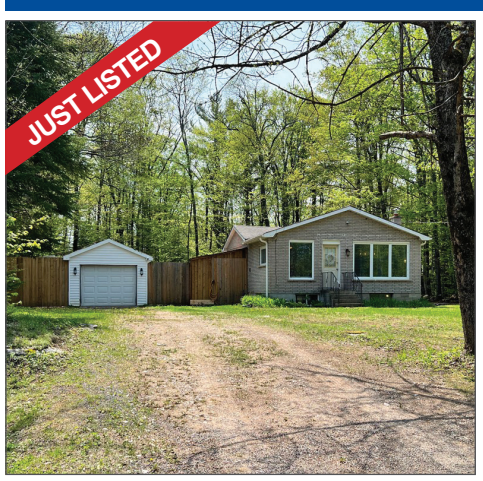


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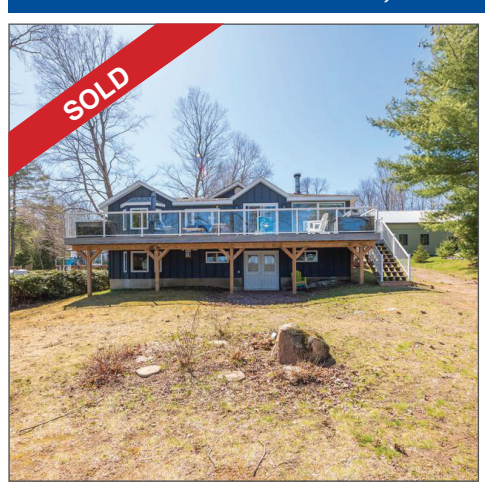


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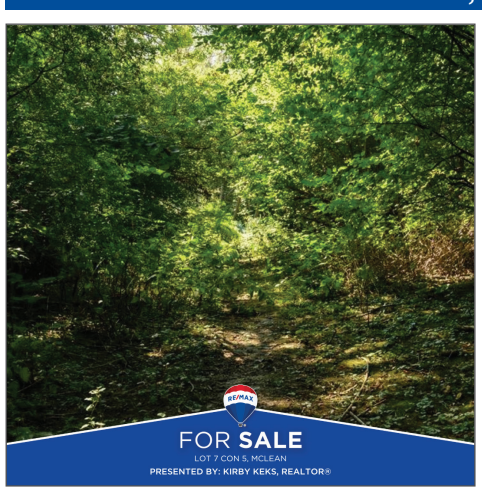


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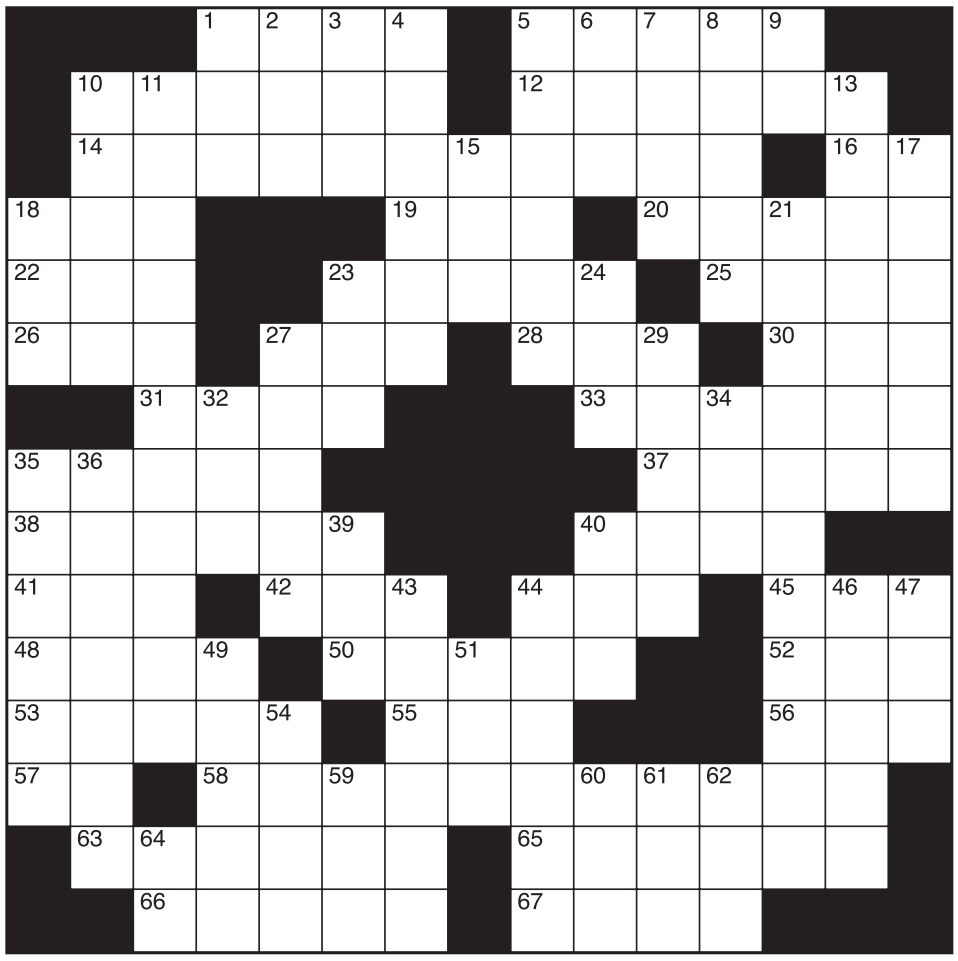

CLUES ACROSS
1. Native American people
5. Very long periods of time (Brit.)
10. Schoolboard accessory
12. Rods
14. One who renews
16. Sculpted body part
18. Chatter incessantly
19. __ King Cole, musician
20. Plates on a turtle's shell
22. University of Utah athlete
23. The world of the dead
25. Singer Redding
26. Former Yankee great Mattingly
27. Prefix indicating wrongly
28. Unhappy
30. Anger
31. Dark brown or black
33. Restaurants have a lot of them
35. Made a mistake
37. Damp
38. Type of gasoline
40. Actor LeBlanc
41. Perform in a play
42. One's mother
44. Prohibit
45. Swiss river
48. Part of a banana
50. Indian hand clash cymbals
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
53. Agave
55. Noted journalist Tarbell
56. Computer firm
57. Type of record
58. Bacterium that can cause infection
63. Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord
65. A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)
66. Pattern
67. Very eager to see something

CLUES DOWN
1. Witch
2. Utilize
3. Writing utensil
4. Places to perform
5. Subsides
6. Consume
7. Athleisure clothing brand
8. California town
9. Atomic #50
10. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
11. Creates anew
13. Humorous commentaries
15. Cool!
17. Most ignoble
18. Soggy dirt
21. Designed to be useful
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. One-time internet accessory
29. City in India
32. Furniture
34. You have likely chatted with one
35. Pass or go by
36. Proof of purchase
39. A digital tape recording of sound
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Building occupied by monks
47. Georgia rock band
49. Device that generates intense beam of light
51. State of agitation
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work or energy
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top

*Answers on page 14*

## Leaping to the podium

Our Haliburton Highlands Secondary School OFSAA Track and Field athletes traveled to London last week, to compete among the best athletes in Ontario at Western Alumni Stadium. Ben McMahon competed in Junior Boys Discus, finishing 18th in the province; Graham Backus was 16th in the Sprint Hurdles and ran a gutsy heat with a finish-line dive in the 300m hurdles to place 3rd in his heat and 13th in the province.

Addyson Parish, left, struggled to bring her best jump in the Novice Girls Long Jump competition on Thursday placing 19th overall, but came back fired up and ready to compete the next day to bring home the OFSAA BRONZE MEDAL in the Novice Girls Triple Jump. She moved up the ranks bringing a big final jump at the end of six rounds with a leap of 10.86m, just one centimeter shy of her Personal Best.

Congratulations to these athletes on representing Hal High on the provincial stage and their amazing accomplishments this season. /Submitted by Karen Gervais

## Haliburton County Fair turns 160

Despite the menacing cloud coverage, hundreds of people made it out to the 160th Haliburton County Fair on Saturday. A petting zoo, bouncy castles, artisans, and a horse pull provided entertainment to guests. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

# Good to be home

*community news*

## west guilford

*Eleanor Cooper*
754–2278

Greetings from so long ago and far away.

The explanation goes back several months. I was the guest of my youngest sister in Burlington when I had the misfortune of sustaining a fall which broke the pelvic bone.

After a couple of weeks in hospital there, I was then moved to Haliburton Hospital where I was well treated for five weeks.

Now I am a resident at Minden's Hyland Crest.

A few Guilford items have come my way since then. J'Nan Yateman accompanied sister-inlaw- Jaqui Sheridan on a trip down east to see Curtis in New Brunswick for a week.

On a more somber note, Basle Cooper passed awa on April 20, youngest of Jane and Jack Cooper. Basle was predeceased by his wife, Joan, several years ago.

Another loss to the community is Delores Lee on May 23, wife of the late Carmen Lee.

Also sad to lose is Edna Burden, wife of Bill Burden, who passed away in Extendicare on May 5.

Of course, visitors and books, phone calls too, have been my mainstay. From Margaret Milne, I have read the biography of Margaret Lawrence and Compensation by Grace Irwin, also the real Downton Abbey story, and on it goes. Another joy along the way is the weekly service of praise and fellowship with St. George's Anglican congregation, with Rev. Connie Phillipson at the helm.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 10:00 am**
**HHHS Minden Site Auditorium**

Purpose of the Annual General Meeting: To receive the report of the Board of Directors, to receive the report of the Auditors & Financial Statements, the appointment of the Auditors, to conduct the election of the Directors and any other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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**1:30-2:00 p.m. – Arrival / Registration / Refreshments**
**2:00-2:45 p.m. – Annual Meeting***
**2:45-3:30 p.m. – Question & Answer Session****

**Annual Meeting business will include:**
Minutes of June 22, 2023 Annual Meeting
Corporate By-law & Professional Staff By-law Refresh
Election of Directors
2023-24 Audited Financial Statements / Audit Report
Appointment of Auditors
Report of the Corporation / Foundation

**Invited guests are welcome to observe the Annual Meeting. Please note that per Corporate By-law Article 4.8, voting is limited to Corporate Members in attendance in person.*
***All attendees in person and virtual are welcome to participate in the Q & A Session.*

Please RSVP to hhhsceoboardoffice@hhhs.ca by June 21, 2024, if you will be attending virtually or in person due to limited seating capacity. Zoom link and instructions will be provided two days before the event. The Annual Meeting will be recorded and made available on the HHHS website.

# Descendants from the Nine Ships: the search for Peter Robinson settlers

THOMAS SMITH
*Staff Reporter*

From left, Janice Stange, Janet Hamilton, Barbara Cain, Margo Phillips, and Judy Cameron have spearheaded the collaboration with the Nine Ships project and the search for Peter Robinson settlers in Trent Lakes, Haliburton County, and beyond /THOMAS SMITH Staff

"My husband has ancestors who came over. Our farm that we live on, the farmhouse was built by Michael Cain who was five years old when he came over with the Peter Robinson settlers and it is still used today. It wasn't in our family until eight years ago," said Barbara Cain, president of the Greater Harvey Historical Society.

"He went over and made arrangements in England to transport just over 2,000 settlers," said Cain. Age and able-bodiedness were required to receive land in Canada. Over 250,000 Irish settlers applied, says Cain. These settlers were given land with a shanty built for them and provided with flour, sugar, kitchen supplies and animals to start them off on the land.

"Most of them were all peasants. They lived on very small lots of land and they had to turn over half their gardens to whoever was in charge of the land. In my husband's family's case, it was Lord Kingston who signed off for a lot of the settlers to come. They settled all over. Many came up this way. After they had settled in Douro offered lots up here, like 100 acre lots. So a lot of them came up with the idea that they could farm until they found out it was rock country. They took other jobs but they had gardens and a cow and things like that," said Cain.

"Some moved up as far as Haliburton. That is who we are looking for, people that know if their ancestors were Peter Robinson settlers," said Cain "And some of their family trees too. Everything that's going on will be big in 2025. That is the actual 200th anniversary."

There were nine ships that came to Canada. The names of these ships included Albion, Amity, Brunswick, Elizabeth, Fortitude, John Barry, Regulus, Resolution, and Star. Peter Robinson was a Canadian politician responsible for the immigration of thousands of Irish settlers to Canada in the 1800s. Initially called Scott's Plains, Peterborough is named after him.

Peterborough, Downieville, Douro, and locations in County Cork, Ireland are a small selection of places with plans to celebrate the arrival of Irish settlers to Canada in 1825.

"We are reaching northward because out of all the historical societies, we are the ones that are closest to Minden," said Cain. "That's why we want the information. We know they're out there, we just need to find them."

"There will be people coming from the U.S., out west, all over. People are getting very excited. A lot of them that know their family history are getting very excited. For the 150th anniversary, one of the fellows built a shanty."

The Greater Harvey Historical Society (soon to be called the Trent Lakes Historical Society) is searching for descendants of Peter Robinson settlers in connection with the Kawartha Ancestral Association (KARA) and other efforts in Peterborough. The Greater Harvey Historical Society will also have a booth at the Kinmount Fair and have a book for people to provide contact info to give them information.

"It was a mass exodus of Irish peasants. These are people with a whole bunch of children who were starving to death. Peter Robinson saw this and got permission from the government to offer them land. It was a massive amount of people that came over at one time," said Cain.

The landscape was not like the Trent Lakes and Haliburton County area that we know of today. Typically, the families had more than ten children, said Cain. "That is a lot of Irish descendants in the area."

"I don't think a lot of people understand how poor these people were. How they suffered. Look where you are now, it is because of them," said Cain.

"Everybody knows that people come from immigration, that is what our society is primarily built on. It is a unique, large group that came," said Janice Stange.

"We will try and record any and every piece of information we get," said Cain. The historical society will also assist people searching their genealogy in the area.

"We are very lucky that we are supported by the Trent Lakes municipality," said Cain. "They give us these two rooms, give us money every year to operate, not all historical societies have that."

2024 is the 40th anniversary of the Greater Harvey Historical Society. With early beginnings in a garage, the Buckhorn Historical Society changed its name to include Buckhorn's surrounding areas. There are intentions to change the name again to identify their organization with Trent Lakes. The historical society is entirely volunteer run and the public is encouraged to volunteer or join as a member.

It could be estimated that there are over 100,00 descendants of the settlers that arrived on the nine ships from Ireland. In an effort to maintain and celebrate Irish heritage, the Greater Harvey Historical Society encourages anyone that may have information or stories they would like to share, to contact them.

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**In the matter** of the *Municipal Act* and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portionsof Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of **Stormy Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

**Notice Is Hereby Given**, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **Tuesday, July 9, 2024**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

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The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

**And Take Further Notice** that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

**Dated** at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 4th day of June, 2024.

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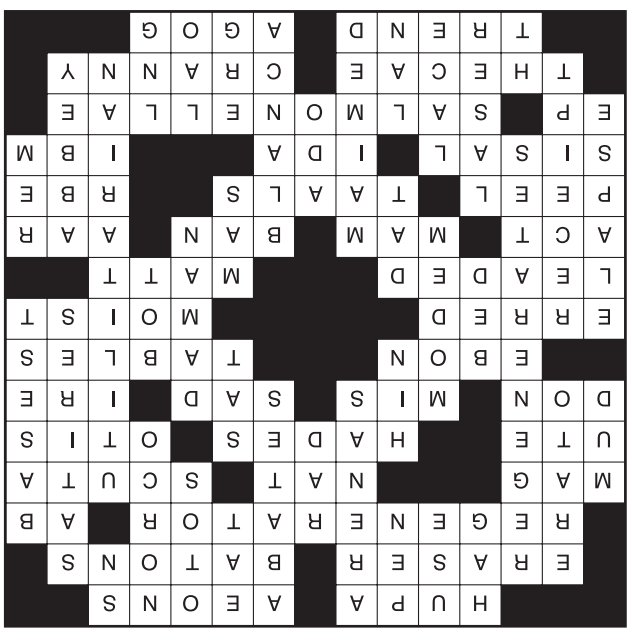

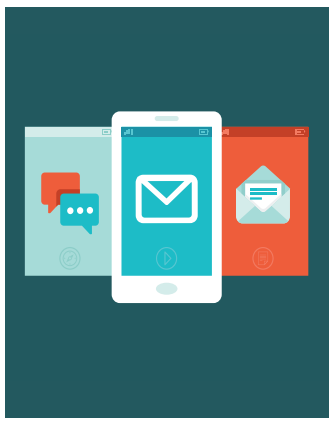

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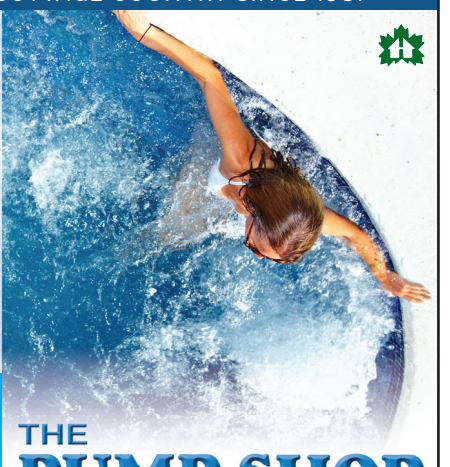

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## 650 OBITUARIES

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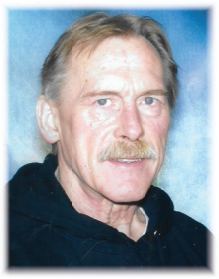

### William "Roger" Frederick Reginald Wilson

*Passed away peacefully in his sleep at home in Haliburton, on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 after a battle with cancer at the age of 68.*

Loving husband, best friend, and "Perfect Match" of Laura (nee LeGuilloux) for 42 years. Loving father and friend of Thealynda (Bob) Saarimaki, Amy Wilson (Ryan Carey), Brandy Wilson and Angie Wilson. Beloved papa of Bradley, Emily, Liya, Caleb, Danté, Owen, Ciara, Khalid, Chelsea, Adler and Winslow. Dear son of the late William and Dorothy (nee Johnson) Wilson, and brother of Sheila (Steve) Berrigan, Susanne Kay, Shaughen Wilson, predeceased by Debbie Coulter and Peter Wilson. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends and family are invited to call at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 27 Victoria Street, Haliburton, on Saturday June 15 for a Memorial Mass at 12 o'clock with a reception to follow in the Church Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial Donations to the Point in Time "Youth Hub" would be appreciated by the family.

### Margaret Dugas

(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)

Peacefully at her residence in Wilberforce on Wednesday afternoon, June 5, 2024, in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late John Dugas (1987). Loving mother of Sandra (Brett Prince), Susan, and Carol (Brian Quinn). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Jordan (Poonam), Tyler, Brenna (Jackson), and Steven (Brianna). Dear sister of Arthur, Marion, Stanley, Pollie, and Mark (Donna). Also lovingly remembered by her great-grandchildren Ekas and Ezra and by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brother in-law Bill and Ed. Margaret was a Registered Nurse who graduated in 1956 and had worked at the Peterborough Civic Hospital. She practiced in Montreal, London, Ottawa, Matheson, South Porcupine and Windsor. Margaret played piano for many of the local Churches in the area for many years.

**Visitation & Memorial Service**

Friends and family are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday, June 17, 2024, for a Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

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### Leonard "Len" Foster

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On October 29, 2023, at age 82, after a 7 year battle against Lewy Body Dementia, Len gently slipped away from this earthly life into a new eternal life where his brain is again whole and he is capable of feeling joy, love, and happiness. Devoted and loving husband of Susan Foster. Cherished father of Robin (Keith), Susan (Jim), Steven, and Keith (Kathy). Len will be greatly missed by his brother David. He is predeceased by his first wife Pearl, partner Mary, and brothers Brian and Alan.

Len was the first Fire Chief of Cardiff Fire Department and was the founder and past president of the Minden Amateur Radio Club.

**Visitation & Memorial Mass**

Friends and family are invited to call at **OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden on Friday morning, June 14, 2024 for a Memorial Mass at 12 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). A reception will follow in the Church Hall. As an expression of sympathy, donations to The Alzheimer's Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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### Grant Maclean Robertson

*Died on October 9, 2023, at the age of 93. After living a full and vibrant life, Grant succumbed to aggressive prostate cancer less than a week after his diagnosis.*

Born on June 25, 1930, in Haliburton, Ontario, Grant was the youngest sibling of Boyd and Lois, born to Mossum and Irene Robertson.

Grant enjoyed an active youth and played hockey for the Haliburton Huskies. A member of the first class to graduate Grade 13 in Haliburton, he briefly pursued a career in teaching before moving to Toronto to study architecture at the University of Toronto. He was an active member of the Hart House fraternity and valued education deeply, generously supporting his children's and grandchildren's educational pursuits.

After graduating in 1959, Grant embarked on a European adventure with friends, during which he met his future wife Brigitte Müller aboard the 'Arcadia'. They lived briefly in Toronto before moving to Saint John, New Brunswick, where their children Gregory and Danica were born. Their youngest, Jeffrey, was born after they returned to Toronto. The family eventually settled in Cobourg, where they lived for over 50 years.

His legacy as an Architect will endure through the lives he touched and the memories he created for people who live and work in the places he designed. Grant had a passion for reading, gardening, and making wine. After a successful career running an architectural practice, he embraced fitness, regularly working out at the local YMCA into his late 80s. His commitment to staying fit, and wise investments, allowed him to travel extensively in retirement, exploring all major continents and many wonders of the world.

Grant led a modest but extraordinarily good life, and is greatly missed by his wife, Brigitte, children, Gregory (Jayne), Danica (Robert) and Jeffrey (Myra) and his grandchildren, Jezel, Joshua, Haylee, Bryan, JB, Lachlan, Lauren, Nadira and Darren.

The family will inter Grant's ashes on June 22, 2024, at 11:00 AM at Evergreen Cemetery, 1216 Harburn Road, Haliburton. A celebration of his life will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, 4252 County Road #21, in the Gallery on the Green Room. Refreshments will be served. His family invites all who knew him to come together in remembrance and celebration of his remarkable life.

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## New by-law will help to protect Head Lake Park

Fines of up to $1000 will be levied against anyone convicted of vandalism or other offenses under a new by-law which regulates activities at Head Lake Park.

The by-law, passed by Dysart et al council Monday, bans cars, motorcycles, snowmobiles and pets within the park boundaries. It also prohibits the use of profane, indecent or abusive language, and gives council the right to clamp down on park users whose behaviour is boistrous, obnoxious or objectionable.

The threat of vandalism has been an ongoing concern throughout the project, and the new by-law is intended to give council a means of combating that threat. It prohibits willful damage of parkland "by any means whatsoever". Specifically, it will be an offence under the by-law to cut, mark, dig up, pull up, or in any way damage, injure, remove or deface: trees, flowers, grass or any other vegetation within the park; buildings or structures including the fountain, wading pool bridge, fencing, playground equipment, signs, fixtures, tables, benches and other property.

Lighting or building fires will also be prohibited under the by-law.

The new by-law also bans any sort of commercial activity within the park boundaries, including the selling of souvenirs, tobacco, food, drinks or refreshments of any kind; and the soliciting of any trade, business or profession.

The posting of handbills and other forms of public advertising will also be prohibited within the park under the by-law.

And the by-law also singles out golf as a prohibited activity within the park.

Convictions for offenses under the by-law, numbered 81-29, will carry a fine of not more than $1000 per offense, exclusive of costs.

*Although the park will not be completed until at least next year, council is already considering ways of ensuring that the rules laid down in the by-law are enforced around the clock. While a final decision has not yet been made, council has indicated that a park watchman or watchmen may be hired in the near future to keep an eye on the park and notify police or other authorities of illegal activities.*

### Minor hockey names executive, needs president

Haliburton minor hockey does not yet have a president for the coming season, but a number of people have said they will serve on the organization's executive in other capacities.

At a recent meeting, which was attended by only a handful of parents and coaches, outgoing president Sid Cooper tried without success to convince someone to take over the job.

But the situation is not unusual, Cooper commented in an interview this week. He said he is confident that a new president will be found before the fall, and that in the meantime, he will continue to carry out the president's duties.

Everyone who attended the meeting "wants to help", Cooper said, but for various reasons, they are unable to take on the job of president.

While decisions have not yet been made about who will fill what jobs on a new executive, a number of people have accepted positions, or indicated that they

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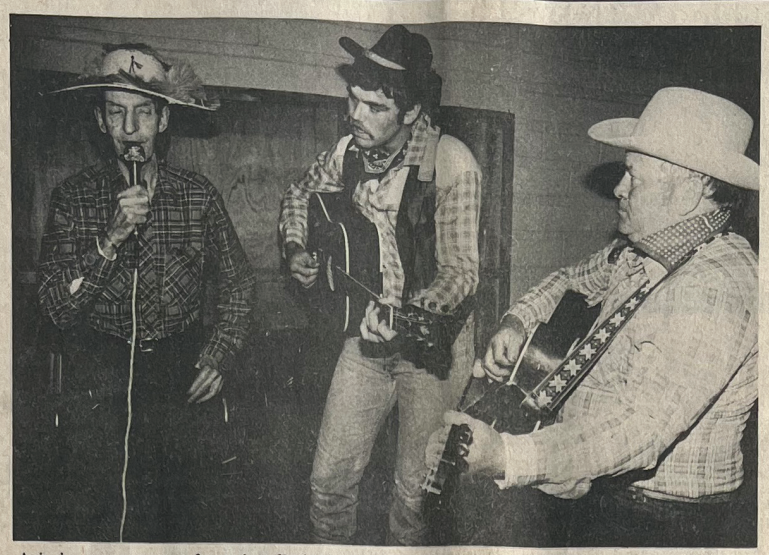

A singing contest was one of a number of activities that took place during Wild West Day at Hyland Crest Home last Wednesday. Here Alfred Richardson competes in a singing contest, accompanied by Peter Fearrey, centre, and Ken Fielding.

### MOE will pay up to 75% of total cost

## Dysart wants sewer extended

Dysart et al council will proceed with preliminary engineering studies for an extension of the sanitary sewer system from Head Lake bridge to Curry Motors Body Shop, a distance of approximately 1500 feet.

The decision came despite the fact that the Ministry of the Environment has told council it will have to meet one quarter of the project cost.

Council had hoped the extension could be built at MOE expense, but in a letter read at Monday's session, Frank Reinholz, district officer for the ministry, said "the responsibility for sewer extensions, whether ministry or municipally owned, rests with the municipality".

The MOE will provide up to 75 per cent of the cost through a direct grant program if the project is approved however, Reinholz told council.

The two stage application procedure requires that council identify the problems from an environmental and health standpoint that make the extension necessary, and then fund a preliminary engineering study for the proposed work.

If the application for a grant is approved, the cost of the engineering study can be included in the overall project cost up to a maximum of 12 per cent, Reinholz said.

Application for the grant must be submitted by October if the work is to be completed next year, the MOE official said.

Reeve Murray Fearrey noted that the first stage has already been completed by local Health Unit officials, who have identified sewage

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## Ouch! Gas tops $1.80 a gallon

Gasoline prices have soared in the past three weeks after both the Ontario and federal governments increased taxation, and Haliburton County residents are paying over a $1.80 for a gallon of unleaded gasoline.

Federal gasoline taxes have nearly quadrupled in the last four years rising from 12 cents to the present 45 cents per gallon. The Ontario tax now sits at approximately 25 cents per gallon but because the new budget calls for indexing with the crude oil cost (ad valorem) that amount will increase each time the wellhead prise of oil rises.

Locally, however, area gasoline dealers are not receiving the increases the governments are. Although dealers were hesitant to disclose their mark-up, it is estimated to be approximately 10 to 15 cents per gallon.

"The retailer is getting fewer dollars to operate on," Don Popple of Curry Motors in Haliburton commented Tuesday.

And most of the other dealers agreed.

In Haliburton Village prices are similar, with Curry's and Shamrock Shell charging $1.75 for a gallon of regular

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### Development status unlikely

## Dysart faces big snag in Harburn Road plans

Dysart et al's hopes for special funding to rebuild the Harburn Road were all but dashed Monday after a consulting engineer presented figures which show the municipality already gets a higher rate of subsidy than most other municipalities in the county.

Ted Sims, of Totten Sims, Hubicki Associates Ltd., said that in order to have the Ministry of Transportation and Communications designate the Harburn Road for development status, the municipality would have to show that there is a general need for more road funding based on population, assessment, use, and other factors. But according to Sims, Dysart can't back up its feeling that the road needs special funding with figures that would prove it.

A comparison of total assessment and total road miles in the municipality shows some $30,600 of assessment per road mile, Sims said. Only Cardiff, and Sherborne, McClintock and Livingstone have higher assessment per road mile ratios, according to Sims.

Dysart's expenditures per mile of road are also "certainly not extravagant", the engineer told council. The municipality spends approximately $4,600 per mile, according to Sims' figures, while both Glamorgan and Stanhope spend more.

"It doesn't demonstrate that you've been killing yourself in terms of upgrading your roads system," Sims told council.

Calculations of the municipality's road spending per household also shows that Dysart is "at the top of the pile", with only Snowdon Township spending more per residence, Sims said.

Other points against the hoped-for development road status for the Harburn Road are low traffic counts and the fact that the road has been designated as an "upper tier" road, according to Sims.

"The numbers don't shake out," Sims said. But he urged council to explore other possibilities for the road, including funding to improve it under the provincial government's recently announced BILD program.

The program might provide funds for the road if it could be demonstrated that improvements would have a significant impace on county-wide tourism, Sims told council.

Reeve Murray Fearrey argued against some of Sim's conclusions. He noted that the municipality has not done much work to upgrade the Harburn Road because the road was supposed to be assumed into the county road system at some point. But that has not happened because the county "already owns a road to Haliburton Lake," Fearrey said.

As for the low traffic count, the reeve argued that the figures were a reflection of the road's condition rather than of a lack of demand for a shorter route to the Haliburton Lake area.

He also said expenditure figures in Sims' report did not take into account the fact that the Dysart road system is spread over a wide area which increases maintenance costs because of increased travel time and fuel use.

But Sims reiterated his conclusion that the municipality would have a hard time demonstrating a need for development status for the Harburn Road.

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## Local oil dealers have mixed reaction to COSP

by Sue Cooper

A week after the Canadian government publicized its new Canada Oil Substitution Program (COSP), which offers an $800 grant for "get-(ting) off oil heat," three area fuel suppliers are expecting to see a substantial drop in their oil sales although two of them are a long way from crying the blues.

In telephone interviews this week, two of the dealers, disclosed that they were planning to expand their installation service as the demand for switching to other energy alternatives grows.

Sid Stamp, who operates a fuel distribution company at the intersection of Highway 35 and Highway 121, near Minden, said his business could be feeling the pinch if he just relied on fuel sales but since he also runs an installation service, the grant is improving his business.

"We can't sit back and let it hurt the whole business," Stamp said. "We're going along with it".

The grants, which offer $800 to switch from oil heating to "natural gas, electricity, propane or other renewable energy sources such as wood and solar", are expected to cost the Canadian government $1.4 billion through 1985. "COSP is designed to help reduce the use of oil for home heating in every province to no more than 10 per cent of total household energy use by 1990," a government advertisement reads.

But neither Stamp nor John Francis, who operates a heating business on Highway 35 in Lutterworth Township, feel

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Kayaker in action at the Wild Water Preserve

## National kayak event goes Saturday, world team will be chosen on Sunday

The bubbling, frothing, turbulent water of the Gull River will test the nation's best canoeists and kayakers this weekend as the Canadian National slalom championships are hosted at the new Minden Wild Water Preserve.

The site of the championships, just below the dam on Horseshoe Lake, was chosen by the Ontario Wild Water Affiliation as a permanent training area and a park-like setting has been developed for spectators to enjoy the races as well as the scenery.

The slalom races are set to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday with the first race scheduled for one-person decked canoes. The paddler uses only a one-bladed paddle to manipulate his way through the course.

The next event is the men's kayak slalom with the competitor using a double paddle. Following the kayaks will be the two-man decked canoes with the pairs working hard to pull together for a win.

The women will be competing next in the kayaking slalom followed by the junior kayaks and then the two-person decked canoes will hit the water again. The final event for the day will be the Master's kayaking competition for competitors over 35 years of age.

These slalom races should be spectacular as races begin on the calm lake above the dam and shoot over the four-metre drop into the churning water below. The course is a little less than half a mile long with a two-metre natural falls in mid-course to add an extra challenge.

With 30 gates to pass through, some backwards and even upstream, the racers will have to be in top form for this all-important competition.

Racers will be travelling from most of the provinces across Canada to compete in the national slaloms. Expected to compete in the competitions are Ontario's Claudia Kerckhoff, rated fifth best in the world and Dieter Poenn, rated seventh in the world.

As well as Kerckhoff and Poenn, 150 competitors are expected to flock to the Gull River site this weekend. And for all the spectators interest-

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## Book salutes Monmouth centennial

### Historical committee pleased with results

The biggest single project marking Monmouth Township's centennial is now a reality, and the people who carried it out are both satisfied and a little bit surprised at the results.

A hard cover book entitled 'Monmouth Township, 1881 - 1981 - Collected Views of the Past' is just off the presses and already it is selling well, according to Kathleen Anderson of Tory Hill, a member of the Monmouth Historical Committee.

The 137-page publication is packed full of words and pictures which tell the story of the township's communities from pioneer days to the present.

Individual chapters are devoted to Tory Hill, Bear Lake, Hotspur, Hadlington, Essonville and Wilberforce. Within each chapter are subsections that focus on important industries, facilities, activities and families which have contributed to the development of the township.

### Monmouth Mayor sent greetings

Work on the book began last year, and according to Anderson, involved "an awful lot of phoning, writing and foot work". Committee members, including (besides Kathleen Anderson), Gloria Billings, Marjorie Madill, Alma Noble, Winnie Schofield, Reg Schofield and Elsie Watson, took responsibility for individual chapters, and spent months reading documents and interviewing local people to compile the information.

The results have been worth the effort. The book is packed with information that will be read avidly not only by township residents, but by anyone with an interest in the county's history.

A short introduction to the book sums up the pages which follow as "a brief account of the early settlement in Monmouth Township and of the

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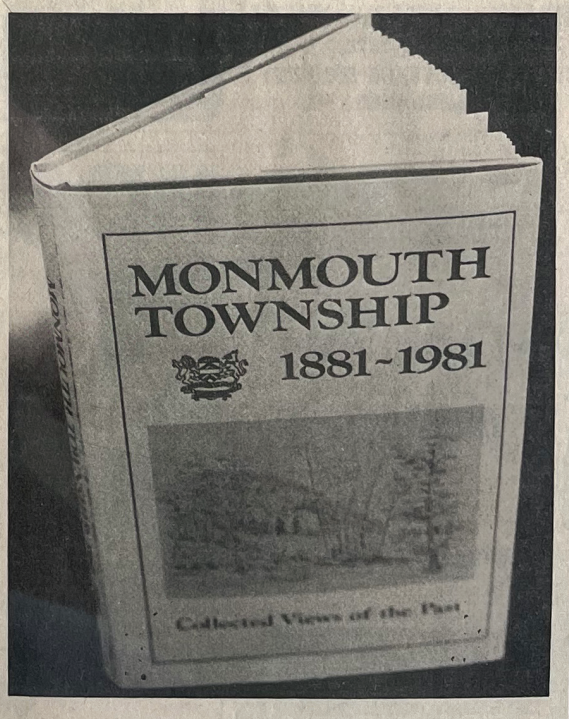


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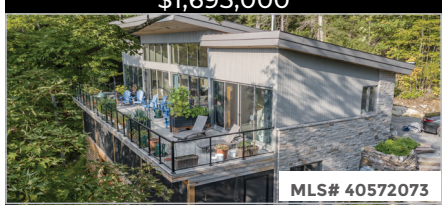

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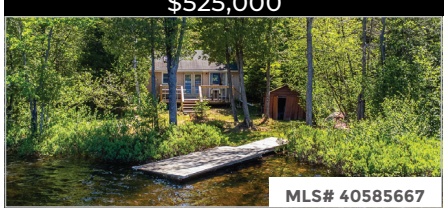

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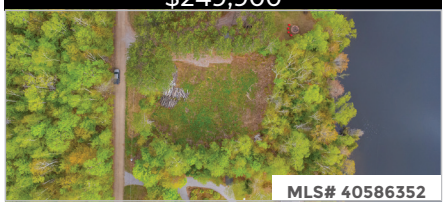

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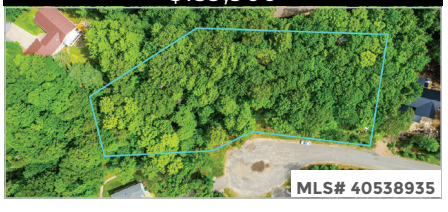

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